

REMARKS

Enclosed herewith is a Substitute Specification in which the specification as filed has been amended in various places to correct typographical and grammatical errors, and to also add section headings.

In support of the above, enclosed herewith is a copy of the specification as filed marked up with the above changes.

The undersigned attorney asserts that no new matter has been incorporated into the Substitute Specification.

Applicants would like to note to the Examiner that the "dots" replacing the "\n" in the previous Substitute Specification and in the previously submitted claims resulted from a defect in Adobe Acrobat in converting Applicants' Word file to a .pdf file.

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claim 10 has been cancelled, while claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 10.

Applicants believe that the above changes answer the Examiner's objections to the specification and claims, and respectfully request withdrawal thereof.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,764,619 to Nishiuchi et al. The Examiner has further rejected claims 4-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiuchi et al. in view of

European Patent Application No. EP1067535A2. Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has found claim 10 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above changes, Applicants believe that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a) rejections of the claims have been overcome.

Applicants believe that this application, containing claims 1, 2 and 4-9, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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